

RURAL CHURCHES CALLED INEFFICIENT

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COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Speakers before the national conference of the Commission on the Church and Country, life here agreed that rural churches are too numerous and consequently inefficient, that their membership is too small, that country preachers are underpaid and their energies divided among too many churches.

"The church of tomorrow will be a community rather than a sectarian institution," said the Rev. Alva W. Taylor of Columbia, Mo. "The day of emphasis upon creedal distinctions is past. The neighborhood division of religious interests keeps all the churches weak and injures religion. The church which most adequately ministers to its whole neighborhood will thrive best in the rural communities of the future."

"The average community has from three to seven churches within a radius of four miles from any given center. Four miles is an easy wagon drive, and if every family were that far from a church the distance would not be too great. Duplication of churches in one community prevents any of the congregations from thriving, and the small church grows with much greater difficulty than the larger one. "Once a month" service by an absentee pastor leaves the church without leadership or continuity of interest."

The principal purpose of the rural church is to stimulate community spirit among farmers. The church reform movement means definite increase in material prosperity, according to the Rev. R. A. Hutchison, prominent civic worker of Pittsburgh, and secretary of the home mission board of the United Presbyterian church.

"The chief end of the rural church is not raising of crops and flocks," he said. "It is the production of men marked for their personal character, and the development of a community spirit and righteousness."

Miss Jessie Field, of New York, known to country workers as "The Country Girl," explained that prosperous V. W. C. A. organizations in a rural district would provide means of making girls and women more self-reliant and dignified.

The Rev. Hubert C. Herring, of Boston, secretary of the national council of Congregational churches, said: "The country church suffers from lack of the co-operative spirit. It is never easy to get the community to work together. There are many faults and failures. The sectarian spirit causes some families to attend church outside the parish, but a real get-together movement among churches will remedy this condition."

Her Beauty Sleep Silences a Train

Even Porters Are Hushed While Lillian Russell Slumbers

at 11 A. M.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 8.—It was 11:25 a. m. when No. 1, the Northeast Limited, westbound, sped into the Great Northern station with sounds muffled. The clanging of the bell was hushed to a subdued tinkle, the exhaust of steam came like a faint exhalation of breath. There was no rattling of brakes.

Passengers left their footstools fall lightly and talked in subdued tones. Porters bowed their tips and returned thanks in low tones.

Why all the excitement? Lillian Russell, who is en route to Seattle, Wash., was taking her beauty sleep. Through the keyhole of a door in the baggage car, some sounds of heavy breathing to indicate that she was deeply wrapped in her beauty sleep.

Farmers Decry Red Tape In Reserve Bank Loans

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 8.—Are the farmers receiving any real benefits from the establishment of a Federal reserve bank in this section? The convention of 600 mid-West farmers is expected to go on record as saying no to that question when it is put to them at the final session of the Equity Co-operation Exchange here today.

The farmers' complaint against the reserve bank methods of loaning money to farmers and to farm banks, is that there is too much red tape. Officers of the exchange, while admitting that the theory of the Federal reserve bank is good, declare that in practice too many obstacles are put in the way of the farmer.

Paterson Ghost Routs Trio of Society Men

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 8.—Paterson has a ghost it wants laid. It is a real, old-fashioned ghost that clicks chains, groans at twilight and makes a nuisance of itself generally. Its habitat is a crazy old brick house not far from Lambert Castle, on Garrett mountain.

A laborer employed by Michael Lynch, working in the vicinity, first saw it. He promptly demanded his pay and quit his job. Then Mr. Lynch, who is a contractor, questioned a person who lived near the house. All confessed seeing the ghost. Three young society men from Paterson went to the haunted house to spend the night. They stayed a quarter of an hour, then fled in dismay.

More Drastic Rules To Cut Enemy Trade

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Further restrictions upon trading with possible hostile interests are proposed in a bill introduced in the house of commons by Under Foreign Secretary Cecil.

The present restrictions are extended to "persons to whom, though not residents of or carrying on business in enemy territory, it is by reason of their enemy nationality or associations, expected to extend such restrictions."

Hairs Quickly Vanish After This Treatment

(Helps to Beauty)

Science has aided in simplifying the vanishing of hairy growths from the face, and according to a beauty specialist, the most effective treatment yet devised consists of applying a delicate paste to the hairy surface for 2 or 3 minutes. The paste is made by mixing some water with a little powdered detone. When this paste is removed and the skin washed every trace of hair has vanished. Be sure to get real detone.

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